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Photographs of the Gardens 1877

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hundred years ago - 1872.

New Deer penia just up 1877

~~See also photograph of the~~

A photograph of The Gardens ^{about} 1877

Through the courtesy of the Director of New Gardens
a number of old photographs of the botanical gardens
Singapore have been recently been acquired for the
Gardens Records. These photographs have been on
exhibition at New for many years and are now
replaced by a new series.

The photograph picture here reproduced is from the top
of the bandstand hill taken apparently about the year
less than 25 years ago. The date of the photograph

This date is ~~almost~~ the most probable because ~~these~~ ~~records~~
the records show that at that year the Thunbergia laurifolia
which covered the trees to the north of the bandstand hill
had so increased that the trees themselves were killed;

and fell down about 1878. The creeper on the trees
on which it grew shaded a few rocks, which was laid open by the

top of the trees, and had to be abandoned. The
present form of the rocks near this ~~place~~ area was not
completed till some years later.

In this photograph
some of the Thunbergia creeper can be seen, and in
two others, but evidently later at the same time that
about the creeper. ~~It is~~ ^{shown} that

the creeper is quite ~~smothering~~ the trees.

The ~~large~~ ^{hill} in the middle of the background is apparently
the Krompassia which still exists, as also in the north of
bandstand hill, and ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~right~~ ^{right} is probably the ~~photograph~~
which ~~are~~ ^{still} stands there still some ~~photograph~~ ^{photograph} still stand there.
This was a large tree.

The other photographs



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